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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated October 5, 2001, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks and request full allowance of all pending claims.

REMARKS

Claims 9-31 have been constructively withdrawn by the Examiner, therefore, Claims 32-36 are pending. Applicant has carefully considered the application in view of the Examiner's action and, in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

The Examiner asserts that the application contains claims directed to allegedly distinct Inventions I and II, corresponding respectively to Claims 9-31 and Claims 32-36, and that under 35 U.S.C. § 121, a restriction to a single invention is required.